IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of operating an An automolding system comprising:
providing a substrate having a surface in the automolding system;
preheating the substrate;
forming a resist layer;
baking the substrate; and
removing contaminants from the substrate using a laser.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The <u>method of operating an</u> automolding system of claim 1, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The method of operating an automolding system of claim 1, further comprising: placing the substrate in a mold; and encapsulating the substrate in the automolding system.
- 4. (Currently Amended) A method of using a molding system comprising: providing a substrate having a surface in the molding system; preheating the substrate; forming a resist layer; baking the substrate; and removing contaminants from the substrate using a laser.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The <u>method of using a molding system of claim 4</u>, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.

- 6. (Currently Amended) The method of using a molding system of claim 4, further comprising: placing the substrate in a mold in the molding system; and encapsulating the substrate.
- 7. (Currently Amended) A method for operating a A system for molding comprising:
 providing a substrate having a surface for molding in the system;
 preheating the substrate;
 forming a resist layer;
 baking the substrate; and
 removing contaminants from the substrate using a laser.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The <u>method for operating a system of claim 7</u>, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The method for operating a system of claim 7, further comprising: placing the substrate in a mold in the system; and encapsulating the substrate.
- 10. (Currently Amended) A method for molding in Im an automolding system comprising:
 placing a substrate having a surface in the automolding system;
 preheating the substrate;
 forming a resist layer;
 baking the substrate; and
 removing contaminants from the substrate using a laser.

- 11. (Currently Amended) The <u>method for molding in an</u> automolding system of claim 10, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.
- 12. (Currently Amended) The method for molding in an automolding system of claim 10, further comprising: placing the substrate in a mold; and encapsulating the substrate in the automolding system.
- 13. (Currently Amended) In a molding system <u>a method</u> comprising: placing a substrate having a surface in the molding system; preheating the substrate; forming a resist layer; baking the substrate; and removing contaminants from the substrate using a laser.
- 14. (Currently Amended) <u>In the The molding system of claim 13 the method 3</u>, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.
- 15. (Currently Amended) <u>In the The molding system of claim 13 the method 3</u>, further comprising: placing the substrate in a mold in the molding system; and encapsulating the substrate.
- 16. (Currently Amended) A method in In-a system for molding comprising: placing a substrate having a surface for molding in the system; preheating the substrate; forming a resist layer; baking the substrate; and removing contaminants from the substrate using a laser.

- 17. (Currently Amended) The <u>method of the</u> system of claim 16, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.
- 18. (Currently Amended) The <u>method of the</u> system of claim 16, further comprising: placing the substrate in a mold in the system; and encapsulating the substrate.
- 19. (Currently Amended) A method for using In an automolding system having a cleaning apparatus comprising: introducing a substrate having a surface in the automolding system; preheating the substrate; forming a resist layer; baking the substrate; and removing contaminants from the substrate using a laser.
- 20. (Currently Amended) The method for using an automolding system of claim 19, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.
- 21. (Currently Amended) The method for using an automolding system of claim 19, further comprising: placing the substrate in a mold; and encapsulating the substrate in the automolding system.
- 22. (Currently Amended) A method for using a molding system having a substrate cleaning device comprising: introducing a substrate having a surface in the molding system; preheating the substrate; forming a resist layer;

baking the substrate; and removing contaminants from the substrate using a laser.

- 23. (Currently Amended) The method for using a molding system of claim 22, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.
- 24. (Currently Amended) The method for isomg a molding system of claim 22, further comprising:
 placing the substrate in a mold in the molding system; and encapsulating the substrate.
- 25. (Currently Amended) A method for operating a system having a cleaning device for molding comprising: introducing a substrate having a surface for molding in the system; preheating the substrate; forming a resist layer; baking the substrate; and removing contaminants from the substrate using a laser.
- 26. (Currently Amended) The <u>method for operating a system of claim 15</u>, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.
- 27. (Currently Amended) The <u>method for operating a</u> system of claim 15, further comprising: placing the substrate in a mold in the system; and encapsulating the substrate.
- 28. (Currently Amended) <u>A method for use in In an automolding system comprising:</u> providing a substrate cleaning device for the automolding system;

introducing a substrate having a surface in the automolding system; preheating the substrate; forming a resist layer; baking the substrate; and removing contaminants from the substrate using the cleaning device.

- 29. (Currently Amended) The <u>method for use in an</u> automolding system of claim 28, wherein the substrate cleaning device comprises a laser.
- 30. (Currently Amended) The <u>method for use in an</u> automolding system of claim 29, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.
- 31. (Currently Amended) The method for use in an automolding system of claim 28, further comprising: placing the substrate in a mold; and encapsulating the substrate in the automolding system.
- 32. (Currently Amended) A method for forming in a molding system comprising: providing the molding system with a substrate cleaning device; introducing a substrate having a surface in the molding system; preheating the substrate; forming a resist layer; baking the substrate; and removing contaminants from the substrate using the substrate cleaning devicer device.
- 33. (Currently Amended) The <u>method for forming in a molding system of claim 32</u>, wherein the substrate cleaning device comprises a laser.

- 34. (Currently Amended) The <u>method for forming in a molding system of claim 33</u>, wherein the substrate cleaning device comprises a laser.
- 35. (Currently Amended) The <u>method for forming in a molding system of claim 32</u>, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.
- 36. (Currently Amended) The method for forming in a molding system of claim 32, further comprising: placing the substrate in a mold in the molding system; and encapsulating the substrate.
- 37. (Currently Amended) A method for a system for molding comprising: providing a substrate cleaning device in the system for molding; introducing a substrate having a surface for molding in the system; preheating the substrate; forming a resist layer; baking the substrate; and removing contaminants from the substrate using the substrate cleaning device.
- 38. (Currently Amended) The <u>method for a system of claim 37</u>, wherein the substrate cleaning device comprises a laser.
- 39. (Currently Amended) The <u>method for a system of claim 38</u>, wherein the laser comprises one of an Nd:YAG laser and an excimer laser.
- 40. (Currently Amended) The <u>method for a system of claim 37</u>, further comprising: placing the substrate in a mold in the system; and encapsulating the substrate.